

SUBJECT OVERVIEW

At Key Stage 3 the History course explores British History from 1066 to 1945. The students will undertake a series of enquiries into some of the key moments in our History. As part of this we make extensive use of ICT, debate and role play as a means of engaging with a broad spectrum of historical evidence and ideas.

Subject Topic

Early Modern Britain 1500—1750

- The Tudors, especially in the context of religious changes and the shifting power of the monarchy
- Henry VIII and the Reformation
- Edward VI
- Mary Tudor
- Elizabeth I and propaganda
- Mary Queen of Scots
- The Stuart monarchs and the fortunes of the monarchy
- James I and the Gunpowder Plot
- Charles I and the causes of the English Civil War
- The Civil War and the rule of Oliver Cromwell including religious and social changes
- Why did people believe in witchcraft?
- The Italian Renaissance and the Scientific Revolution

Skills / Attitudes

- Interpretation of evidence- types of evidence used include written, pictorial, film and visits to historical sites.
- Variety of methods of presenting written work including structuring persuasive paragraphs, historical essay skills and wall displays.
- Understanding cause and consequence
- Exploration of relative importance of several linked causes (Henrician Reformation, Armada and English Civil War are good examples)
- Development of understanding that change and progress are not the same